

years. They now move into the Department of State. I know I speak for many other members of this body when I express the nation's thanks for their service—and the hope that their programs, their talents, and their commitment will continue to prosper.

**BOUNDARY WATER CANOE AREA
WILDERNESS NAMED AMONG
THE TOP 50 MUST-SEE SPOTS IN
THE WORLD**

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 1999

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, after a 2-year study, the National Geographic Traveler magazine identified the 50 "must-see" places to visit in its October issue. It is a very impressive list, and not surprisingly, some of the most spectacular and well-known locations in the world are included.

The United States boasted a number of historic, cultural and natural must-see sites. I was most pleased to note that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) was included in this exclusive list. I rejoice with all the Minnesotans and Americans who have worked for the better part of this century to maintain the natural state of the over one million acres of pristine wilderness. As one of the top natural attractions in the nation, the BWCAW will hopefully be enjoyed by many more in the near millennium.

I submit for the RECORD an October 2 article from the St. Paul Pioneer Press commemorating the BWCAW.

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**BWCA MAKES LISTING OF 50 'MUST-SEE'
SPOTS**

(By Sam Cook)

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of northern Minnesota is among 50 "must-see spots" in the world, according to the October issue of National Geographic Traveler magazine.

Two years in the making, the list names the 50 "places of a lifetime—the must-see spots for the complete traveler."

The magazine is available on newsstands. "We are celebrating these places as the century turns, the places you should visit in your lifetime if you are a real traveler," said Keith Bellows, editor of the travel magazine published by the National Geographic Society. These places, "capture the spirit and diversity of our world."

Ely polar explorer Will Steger wrote the text that accompanies the Boundary Waters listing; renowned photographer Jim Brandenburg added a first-person anecdote.

Brandenburg, who sells his photos in a retail gallery in Ely, was pleased to see the Boundary Waters on the list.

"There are two ways to look at it," Brandenburg said Friday. "For those of us who live here and cherish the pristine and quiet nature, we're all happy to see new business come to town—but not too much."

Unlike some more developed or spectacular places on the list the Boundary Waters must be experienced firsthand, Brandenburg said.

"You have to work to love the Boundary Waters," he said. "It isn't for sissies. It isn't

for people who travel down the road and look for vistas."

The 50 winners—plus one bonus destination—were picked from more than 500 nominations by National Geographic writers and editors and outside advisers.

The Boundary Waters, designated the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness by Congress in 1978, is 1.1 million acres in size and is adjacent to other wildland areas. Quetico Provincial Park, 1 million acres in Canada, and Voyageurs National Park, 218,000 acres in Minnesota.

**IN HONOR OF HERMAN R. FINK ON
HIS 103RD BIRTHDAY**

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 1999

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate Herman R. Fink on his 103rd birthday.

A resident of Santa Ana, Mr. Fink has lived, on his own, at the same address for 60 years. His only daughter, Lorraine, his family and friends, will gather on his birthday, October 2, 1999, for their annual celebration at his favorite restaurant. Once again, those who love and admire him, will share in the glow of this wonderful event.

During his lifetime, Mr. Fink has traveled around the world, from Egypt to Australia, from France to South America. He is truly a world-citizen who has captured the romance and excitement of all the countries he visited and his memories are the postcards that have enhanced his life and the lives of those who know him well.

Herman Fink was married for 67 years to his wife, Clara. His marriage was a perfect match made in heaven, according to his only daughter, Lorraine Ellison of Garden Grove, California. His life is filled with the pride and joy of his two granddaughters and two great grandchildren.

Colleagues, please join with me today as we salute a wonderful man, an octogenarian, who has lived life well and to the very fullest.

HONORING KENNETH MADDY

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 1999

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend and honor a lifetime of dedicated public service. Ken Maddy is a political legend in California's great Central Valley. A Republican in a largely Democratic district, Ken understood early what many of us have yet to learn about bipartisanship. Like the freeway bearing his name which runs down the middle of the Valley, Ken cuts through the political heart and soul of the Valley.

As we pause to honor him, I am reminded of his very unique leadership style. Ken skillfully forged a niche of consensus in finding solutions that proves leadership transcends polit-

ical parties. To call Ken's style unique is not to fully do it justice. Every once in a while someone comes along bringing a little something "extra" to the table. Though it isn't tangible, it is nevertheless very real and it helps define leadership ability. Ken Maddy personifies that.

The Central Valley is a truly unique political arena. We pride ourselves on independent thought. We are proud of our ability to see beyond party labels and ideologies. Mr. Speaker, in large part, it is because of Ken's leadership that this thinking is prevalent today.

His dedication as a public servant is exemplary. Equally impressive is his list of accomplishments. Throughout his career, Ken authored more than 400 bills which were signed into law.

His vision and foresight put him in the front lines of legislative battles ranging from ethics of state legislators to crime; private property rights to reducing the scope of governmental regulations on agriculture; and balancing land use against legitimate environmental concerns.

Ken was also often on the cutting edge of health care issues such as Medi-Cal and Welfare Reform, free-standing cardiac catheterization labs, surgi-centers and most recently, the Healthy Families Act.

Because of his love and expertise of horse racing, Ken has virtually rewritten the horse racing law in California—writing more than 45 bills that were later adopted into law on the subject.

I know he is proudest of the very significant and lasting contributions he made in helping establish the California Center for Equine Health and Performance and the Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory at the University of California, Davis.

It is with great pride that I report to my colleagues that UC Davis officials named the building in his honor. Additionally, he was awarded the California State University Lifetime Achievement Award earlier this year.

One of the most telling signs of political maturity is acceptance and recognition by your peers. For three years, Ken served as Chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus before serving eight years as Republican Leader. He's a text-book case on "how to make things happen while serving in the minority party."

Ken was awarded the Lee Atwater Minority Leader of the Year Award in 1992 by the National Republican Legislators Association and is a six-time delegate to the Republican National Convention from 1976–1996, including two terms as a RNC whip in 1976 and 1984.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join me in honoring the lifetime achievement of a great man—my good friend, Ken Maddy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 1999

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2116, the Veterans Millennium